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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action given in the above-identified Application on July 1, 2003.

REMARKS

1. The Office Action required a restriction under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121 to either the Group I Claims 1-24 drawn to a process classified in class 264, subclass 166, or the Group II Claims 25-43, drawn to a product, classified in class 428, subclass 166. The Action indicated that the inventions were distinct because the Group I and II claims were related as process of making and product made, wherein the product as claimed of the Group II claims were alleged to be able to be made by a materially different process other than that of Group I, such as by injection molding. This restriction requirement is respectfully traversed.

The Action is submitted as being entirely improper for ignoring specific limitations in independent Claims 1 and 13 and independent Claims 25 and 32. Specifically, independent Claims 25 and 32 expressly recite, "A three-dimensional object formed in a selective deposition modeling process from a ..." specific build material. Claim 25 recites a "solidifiable build material" and claim 32 recites a "curable build material." Independent Claim 1 from the Group I

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